ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.12

SECTION II-C

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

<u>Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 1156/2015</u> (Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-11-2014 in CRLOP No. 28753/2014 passed by the High Court Of Judicature At Madras)

N. LAKSHMANAN AND ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE REPRESENTED BY INSPECTOR OF POLICE AND ANR. Respondent(s)

WITH <u>SLP(Crl) No. 1218/2015</u> (II-C) (IA No.136198/2017-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS)

SLP(Crl) No. 1220/2015 (II-C)

SLP(Crl) No. 1269/2015 (II-C)
(IA No.136206/2017-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS)

Date: 13-09-2018 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE R. BANUMATHI HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE INDIRA BANERJEE

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following O R D E R

We have heard Mr. Ranjit Kumar, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners, Mr. K.K. Mani, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.2 and Mr. M. Yogesh Kanna, learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State.

We do not find any good ground warranting interference with the impugned orders.

Accordingly, the special leave petitions are disposed of with the following directions and observations:-

- (i) The anticipatory bail granted to the petitioner(s) - N. Lakshmanan, A. Balasubramanian & R. Ashok by the orders of the High Court dated 14.8.2012, 28.8.2012, 26.09.2012, 24.03.2014 & 19.06.2014 shall continue subject the condition to that the petitioner(s) shall cooperate with the investigation and appear before the investigating officer as and when they are required for interrogation.
- Further investigation in the matters be taken up by an officer of a higher rank preferably in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police and accordingly we direct the Superintendent of Police, Kanchipuram District, to nominate an officer in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police, District Crime Kanchipuram, for continuing further investigation in the matters.
- (iii) In case of any non-cooperation by the petitioner(s) in the further investigation, it will be open for the prosecution to move the High Court for appropriate orders including cancellation of anticipatory bail of the petitioner(s).

Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(MAHABIR SINGH) COURT MASTER (PARVEEN KUMARI PASRICHA)
BRANCH OFFICER